(a) whether Government are aware that during the two days workshop of India Habitat Forum conducted in October this year, unhappiness has been expressed over the issue that common people are not getting the benefit of the Pradhan Mantri RojgarYojana;

(b) If so, the details of the implementation minitoring system of the Pradhan Mantri RojgarYojana alongwith the details of the people getting benefit of this scheme, State-wise and Union Territory-wise; and

(c) what new efforts are being made by Government to ensure that the general public may get benefits of the scheme in a better way?

THE MINISTER OF AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES (SHRI KARIYA MUNDA) (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Some of the parameters of the PMRY Scheme with respect to age, educational qualification, activities covered, annual family income, residency criteria for the married women, collateral for projects under industry sector etc. have been made liberal so that the benefits of the Scheme reach to the common man in a more effective way.

Cottage industries in Nagaland

2980. SHRI DWIJENDRA NATH SHARMAH: Will the Minister of AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have any proposal for development of cottage industries in Nagaland and other States of the North Eastern Region;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the details of the funds allocated for the purpose during the last three years?

THE MINISTER OF AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES (SHRI KARIYA MUNDA): (a) and (b) Rural Industries including cottage industries are promoted under the Rural Employment Generation Programme (REGP) of the Khadi and Village Industries Commission (KVIC) in the entire country including the North Eastern Region which includes

the State of Nagatand.The number of projects set up under this Programme as on 31.3.2002 in the North Eastern Region is given below:—

State	Number of Projects
Arunachal Pradesh	317
Assam	425
Manipur	623
Meghalaya	2784
Mizoram	732
Nagaland	4665
Tripura	48

(c)The details of Margin Money utilised under the REGP for the last three years are given as under:—

(Rs. in lakhs)

State	1999-00	2000-01	2001-02
Arunachal Pradesh	6.00	30.00	11.21
Assam	15.78	67.94	142.51
Manipur	15.00	-	2.98
Meghalaya	75.93	53.12	110.50
Mizoram	23.00	-	16.83
Nagaland	4.32	180.74	168.89
Tripura	1.14	7.17	49.54

KhadI Gramodyog Commission

†*2981. SHRIMATIKUM KUM RAI: Will the Minister of AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Khadi and Gramodyog Commission encourages people for establishing cottage industries in rural areas;

†Origina! notice of the question was received in Hindi.